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**CLOSURE OF MAKUSHIN/SKAN BAY SECTION IN THE EASTERN
ALEUTIAN DISTRICT TANNER CRAB FISHERY ANNOUNCED
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The Makushin/Skan Bay Section of the Eastern Aleutian District will close to commercial Tanner crab fishing at 5:59 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2012. Inseason catch reports and fish ticket data indicate that the Makushin/Skan Bay guideline harvest level (GHL) will be reached at this time.

All Tanner crab pots within the Makushin/Skan Bay Section must be unbaited with doors secured open at the time of the closure. Unbaited pots may be stored in waters of the Makushin/Skan Bay Section deeper than 25 fathoms for up to 72 hours following the closure. After 72 hours following the closure, all Tanner crab pots in the Makushin/Skan Bay Section must be removed from the water, or stored unbaited with doors secured open in waters less than 25 fathoms in depth for up to seven days following the closure. Vessel operators are required to deliver within 24 hours of the closure and are asked to notify the Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor of their intended delivery time and location.

For further details, contact the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

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